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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Haddock,

The Manti-La Sal National Forest (FS) is responding to the Phase III bond release of the Left Fork of Rilda Canyon for the Deer Creek Mine. The FS attended the Phase III bond release inspection for the Left Fork of Rilda Canyon on November 27, 2018. The FS is satisfied with the reclamation work that was done and has no further expectations from PacifiCorp on the 2.33 acre area.

In a letter to the UDOGM dated July 2, 2018 the FS requested a post-mining change to the reclamation plan for the Left Fork Rilda Canyon to facilitate the construction of a debris catchment basin for the protection of FS roads and municipal water supplies downstream. This was a FS post-fire mitigation strategy, which addressed potential impacts from the Trail Mountain Fire. This request was granted and the FS was able to construct debris catchment basins, therefore meeting the post-mining change and meeting FS reclamation requirements for the Left Fork of Rilda Canyon.

Thus, the FS concurs with the Phase III bond release of the Left Fork of Rilda Canyon for the Deer Creek Mine.

Thank you for consulting the FS regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jeff Salow at 435-636-3596 or [jsalow@fs.fed.us](mailto:jsalow@fs.fed.us)

Sincerely,

RYAN NEHL  
Forest Supervisor

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